



March 23, 2009

Harry Bruno  
Alameda County  
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RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Bruno:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of our non-support at this time for your 2008 Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC has reviewed this grant and believes the agency has failed to explain how this proposal for \$74,000 dollars will sustain access to legal OHV opportunities in Alameda County. Carnegie SVRA appears to be functionally in San Joaquin County and BRC is not aware of any legal OHV opportunity in Alameda County.

BRC believes the grant must be correlated, in a holistic manner, to legal OHV opportunities in your county. BRC understands and supports efforts to address illegal OHV use on private and public lands. However, the size and scope of any county law enforcement grant must be in relationship to legal OHV opportunity.

Unless there are mitigating circumstances, BRC believes the county should utilize in-lieu funds to address illegal OHV use. This action would free up grant funds to be used by counties that provide legal OHV opportunity in their patrol area.

BRC believes that if there were a legal OHV riding area (even city OHV park) in the county, that a grant would be warranted. Providing legal opportunity should be considered as a law enforcement tool as well.

BRC understands it is not the duty of the Sheriff's Office to petition the County Board of Supervisors to create an OHV park within county boundaries, but there should be a nexus between law enforcement and legal OHV recreation.

BRC thanks the county for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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